BIRD CALENDAR - 1913

"People who have not made friends with the birds," says John Burroughs, "do not know how much they miss. Especially to one living in the country, of strong local attachments, and an observing turn of mind, does an acquaintance with the birds form a close and invaluavle (invaluable) tie. Nothing wonts me to a new place more than the birds. I go, for instance, to take up my abode in the country, - to plant myself upon unfamiliar ground, I know nobody, and nobody knows me. The roads, the fields, the hills, the streams, the woods are all strange. I look wistfully upon them, but they know me not. They give back nothing to may (my) yearining (yearning) gaze. But there, on every hand, are the long-familiar biards – the same ones I left behind me, the same ones I knew in my youth – robins, sparrows, swallows, bobolinks, crows, hawks, high-holes, meadow-larks, etc., all there before me, and ready to renew and perpetuate the old associations."

Everybody living in and about Cleveland will soon have an opportunity of renewing the old, or forming a new, aquaintance with numerous bird friends that visit us annyually in the springtime and cheer us with their assuring song that "All's well with the world". If you have never learned to love the birds, begin to observe them now and you will soon come to see more beauty in the realm of nature than you have ever seen before, and your life will become more interesting and happier than it has ever been. The birds, especially our birds, are things of beauty, and consequently they must be, according to Keats, joys forever.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Gilmore at the Biological laboratory, or Mr. Hulme at Clark Hall will gladly receive reports of the arrival of migratory birds from any observer who will make a note of the bird's name and the date and place of the observation. Bulletins will be issued in March, April, and May.

Bulletin No. 1 - March 25.

The changeable weather of the past winter, with the snow remaining for a comparatively short time on the ground, has been favorable to our bird residents. For this reason one could on almost any day during the winter see several different species of birds in Wade Park. Moreover, the early migratory birds, enticed, perhaps, by the warm days just after the middle of February, began to visit us unusually early. But the severe cold of the last days of February and early March seems to have prevented their coming at once in very large number.

1. Winter Birds:

The following winter residents have been seen in and around Cleveland; Blue Jays, Cardinals, Chickadees, Crows, Downy Woodpeckers, Flickers, Golden Crowned Kinglets, Juncos, Sparrow Hawk, White Breasted Nuthatches. Cardinals wer epresent in unusually large numbers (for Cleveland), as many as six or eight having been observed in Rockerfeller and Wade Parks, and Lake View Cemetery.

2. Migratory Birds:

1. Song Sparrow, February 18, singing in Rockerfeller Park, Harold Hulme; Feb'y 25, one in Wade Park, Mr. Brigham; Feb'y 27, one in Wade Park, W.H.H.; March several on Mayfield and Shaker Heights, W.H.H.

2. Robin, February 20, Rockerfeller Park, Harold Hulme; March 9 and 10, on Mayfield Road, W.H.H., and since that everywhere.
3. Blue Bird, March 13, two seen in Rockerfeller Park by Harold Hulme; three by W.H.H. on Mayfield Heights, March 14, Willoughby, Mr. W.B.Miller. Many seen and heard almost every day since.
4. Red-winged Blackbird, March 11, Lake View Cemetery, Mr. Gilmore; March 21, Lake View, W.H.H., March 24, several seen in Lake View, W.H.H.
5. Meadow Lark, March 11, Lake View, Mr. Gilmore, March 13, at least six, Mayfield Heights, W.H.H.; March 14, Willoughby Mr. Miller March 21, seven in Wade Park.
6. Bronzed Grackle, March 14, one on Adelbert College Campus Mr. Gilmore; March 17, one Mayfield Road and Euclid Ave., W.H.H. and scores seen since that time.
7. Killdeer, March 14, one seen and heard flying over Bellflower Road, W.H.H.
8. Fox Sparrow, March 21, two seen in Lake View, W.H.H. one in Wade Park, Harold Hulme.
9. Phoebe, March 21, one in Lake View and one in Wade Park.
10. Chipping Sparrow, March 21, two in Lake View, W.H.H.
11. Belted Kingfisher, March 25, one in Wade Park Pond, W.H.H.

Song sparrows, Meadow Lark, Robins, Blue Birds, and Purple Grackles are here in unusually large numbers this year.